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In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Proctor Jr.

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DETECTING RAPID CHANGES IN  
SIGNALING PATH ENVIRONMENT

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This Reply is being timely filed in response to the final Office Action dated November 19, 2008. Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows: